



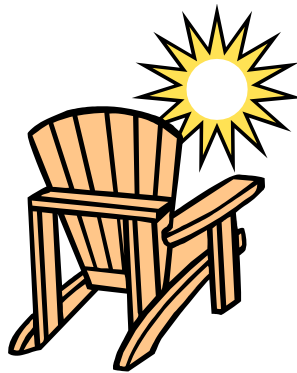
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City of Newport Beach, CA  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Gardner & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** October 19, 2012

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director 

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Date: October 19, 2012

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### ***City Hall Complex Re-Use Discussed with the Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce***

On Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Principal Planner James Campbell and I provided an update on the City Hall Complex Re-Use effort to the Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce. We gave a brief history of the ongoing planning effort, and the assembled group was very interested in understanding the process. The group had many good questions, and it appeared to us that there was concurrence regarding the good market support for either a luxury apartment community or an upscale boutique hotel. Based upon the expressed level of interest, it is clear that the re-use of the site is much more than a Westside Newport or Balboa Peninsula issue; it is an important community-wide topic. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to provide the update to the group and hope to meet with other interested community groups as the project moves ahead. For further information about the project, please visit the City's website and search for "existing City Hall" or click [here](#).

### ***Back Bay Landing Project Meeting***

A scoping meeting for the Back Bay Landing Project was held on the evening of October 17 at the Newport Beach Central Library to obtain input from the public regarding the scope and alternatives to be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is currently under preparation. The proposed project would set up the regulatory framework and development plan for a future integrated, mixed-use waterfront development generally located northwesterly of Bayside Drive and East Coast Highway. A total of 18 members of the public attended the meeting. In general, the people in attendance seemed to be supportive of the project; however, concerns were raised regarding traffic, noise, public access, and parking. Each of these topics will be evaluated in the EIR. The notice of preparation and initial study can be reviewed at the Planning Division at City



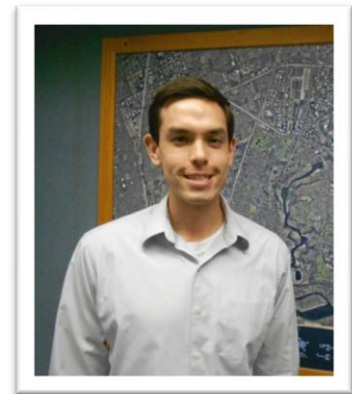
Hall, at any of the City's public libraries, and online [here](#). The City will accept comments on the scope of the EIR until November 15 at 5:00 p.m. The draft EIR should be completed in approximately three months.

### ***New Applications in Corona del Mar***

- Marguerite Avenue Condo Conversion (PA2012-133). An application was submitted to convert an existing duplex to a two-unit condominium development at 214 Marguerite Avenue. A parcel map was previously approved and the condominium conversion application will allow the individual homes to be sold separately.
- Poppy Avenue Parcel Map (PA2012-134). A parcel map application was submitted for a two-unit condominium at 721 Poppy Avenue. A duplex is currently under construction to condominium standards and the parcel map will allow the individual homes to be sold separately.
- Sweet Lady Jane Bakery (PA2012-138). A minor use permit is under review to convert 1,660 square feet of vacant retail space at 3732 East Coast Highway to a bakery. The proposed bakery would seat a maximum of 36 customers in the interior public area of 280 square feet and an outdoor dining area of 70 square feet. The proposed hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

### ***Staff Update***

Jason Van Patten, our new Planning Technician, joined the Planning Division on October 16. Before coming to Newport Beach, Jason had internships at both the City of Redondo Beach Waterfront and Economic Development Department and at the Orange County Transportation Authority. In addition, Jason is completing his last year of graduate school at Cal Poly Pomona. Please join us in welcoming Jason to the City!



### ***Plan Check Activity***

Plan check activity shows a significant increase in the submittal of single-family and duplex structures in the past several weeks. Plan check activity continues to remain high in and around the Newport Center/Fashion Island area.

Noteworthy among the plan check activity is receipt of three Approvals in Concept (AIC) applications. AICs are permits issued by the City which signifies to the California Coastal Commission that the subject project is in compliance with all City regulations. The number of AIC's indicates increased construction activity in the coastal zone.

PLAN CHECK ACTIVITY FOR OCT 1 TO OCT 12	
69	PLAN CHECKS REVIEWED OVER THE COUNTER
48	PLANS APPROVED OVER THE COUNTER (69.6% OF ALL PLAN CHECKS)



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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October 19, 2012

**TO:** DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Our Employee of the Quarter (EOQ) award recognizes our fabulous team members in the areas of outstanding customer service, cost savings innovations, business process improvements and excellence in financial reporting/accounting. The nominees this quarter for the EOQ Award were: Sonia Arechiga-Camacho (outstanding customer service and team player); Meg Condon (outstanding customer service and exceptional initiative); Cory Pearson (helpful customer service and problem solving approach); and our Accounts Payable duo, Clarivel Rodriguez and Cynthia Shintani (impacted workload accomplishment). Although all nominees are examples of "excellence in government," the third quarter award winner is **Sonia Arechiga-Camacho** for her continued efforts in providing high quality customer service to both our internal and external customers. Congratulations to all of our nominees!!

### **THE AUDITORS ARE COMING**

Preparations have begun in our Accounting Division for the upcoming visit of our auditors, White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP. The auditors will be on site starting October 29 to begin the final phase of their test work on the 2011-12 Financial Audit and the Single Audit. You may see them around asking questions or observing processes. Please give them your assistance if they visit you with any questions. Test work is expected to conclude in about 2 weeks, but may be extended if needed.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REPORTS**

Accounting staff completed the Special Districts Financial Transactions Report, which is filed with the State Controller's Office annually, for the Newport Beach Public Facilities Corporation, a separate entity from the City that is considered a blended component unit for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) purposes. The Newport Beach Public Facilities Corporation was formed to assist the City in financing public improvements, including a public library and most recently the civic center project.

Additionally, Accounting staff completed the annual Cities Financial Transactions Report, which is also filed with the State Controller's Office. This report presents a preliminary financial picture of the City, in a format specified by the State. The report is prepared prior to the final closing of our books and our financial statements audit. Our final, audited fiscal year 2011-12 financial information will be presented in our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the Finance Department obtained Caseware, a new software application that is expected to increase efficiency in preparing these kinds of reports. We used Caseware to prepare the 2011-12 report. In the past, it has been necessary to manually group financial data from our general ledger, to match the State format each year, or pay consultants to group it for us.

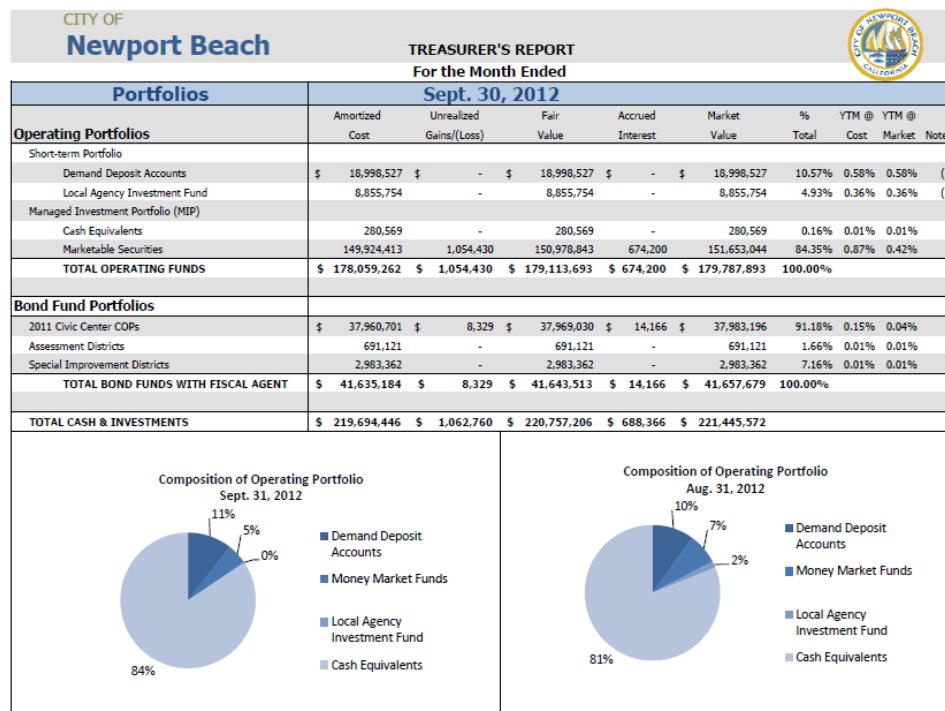
The work performed to group our account information this year was done in Caseware, and is expected to pay-off in future years by carrying forward the methodology and grouping of accounts for future years. We are very excited that in future years the report can be generated using fewer resources from our department.

## ANNUAL STREET REPORT

This week an auditor from the State Controller's Office came to assist in the preparation of the City's FY 2011-12 Annual Street Report which is required to be in a form prescribed by the Controller. The report includes a statement of all revenues and expenditures related to street and road purposes. Information from the Annual Street Report from all incorporated cities is later compiled and published in the Streets and Roads Annual Report which summarizes the monies made available to and expended by local agencies for construction, maintenance, and other street and road-related activities within the state each year.

## AUGUST TREASURY REPORT

The Treasurer's Report provides detailed information on the City's operating and managed investment portfolios; the report for the month ending September 30, 2012, is now available at [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).



Notes:

- (1) Yield offsets bank fees
- (2) LAIF Yield is available Quarterly



**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: October 19, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Fire and Lifeguard Appreciation Beach Party**

On Thursday, October 11, the Commodore's Club of the Chamber of Commerce hosted the City of Newport Beach Fire Department at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Party to recognize firefighters and lifeguards for their professionalism and dedication to their jobs.



Brian McDonough  
Firefighter of the Year

This event has traditionally been held outside at Newport Dunes, but with the forecast of rain, the Chamber scrambled to set us all up at the Back Bay Bistro. It was a beautiful and elegant event, and with this being my first one, I was very impressed.

This event also honored the Fire Department's Employees of the Year. This year, those honors went to **Fire Captain Brian McDonough** as Firefighter of the Year, **Lifeguard Officer Mike Ure** as Marine Safety Officer of the Year, and **Jacob Philpot** as Seasonal Lifeguard of the Year.

The Newport Beach Fire Department truly appreciates this fun event and all of the sponsors who assisted in hosting it.

**FEMA AWARD FOR OUR CERT**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded Newport Beach Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program the 2012 Individual and Community Preparedness Award for Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team



Mike Ure  
Marine Safety Officer  
of the Year



Jacob Philpot  
Seasonal Lifeguard  
of the Year



**CERT Board of Directors**

Initiatives!! Thanks to the hard work, dedication and support of our CERT Program Coordinator, Matt Brisbois, Newport Beach CERT beat out almost 4,000 National CERT programs. When Matt took over the CERT program in 2005, he had 65 trained volunteers. Today, Matt has over 1,100 hard-working and loyal CERT volunteers. Matt has developed a strong program, with innovative practices and achievements, which makes our city safer, stronger and better prepared to manage any disaster or emergency event.

As our CERT Representative, Matt Brisbois, will be invited, as FEMA's honored guests, to a community roundtable event in Washington, D.C. During the roundtable, the honorees will share their innovative and successful approaches to community preparedness with emergency management leadership.

There are currently two Fall 2012 CERT programs underway, a Tuesday/Thursday evening program and an all day Saturday program. The "Drill the Skills" and Graduation are scheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Spring 2013 CERT program schedules have also been finalized and will begin in late February 2013, and run through the month of March.

## **Fire Service Day**



On Saturday, October 6, the Fire Department hosted an Open House at fire station 7 in Santa Ana Heights. The event offered station tours along with information and the opportunity to ask Firefighters, Paramedics, and Lifeguards questions about disaster preparedness, marine safety, heavy rescue, firefighting, and EMS. Our Nationally recognized CERT team provided outstanding assistance as well.



Guests were also treated to a sequence of live demonstrations which included auto extrication, a simulated fire and rescue complete with artificial smoke, and firefighters performing vertical ventilation by cutting holes in a simulated roof. These demonstrations were adeptly narrated by Chief Chip Duncan, providing the crowds with interesting and relevant information about live fire and rescue operations.

The feedback from our guests was universally positive, and we are gearing up to host this event yet again next October!



## **CERT Booth at Balboa Music Fest**

The CERT program, along with other city departments, hosted a booth at the Balboa Music Fest on Saturday, October 13. At the event, CERT volunteers distributed disaster preparedness information to music fest participants.

## **Great California “Shakeout”**

The City participated in the Great California Shakeout on Thursday, October 18. Here is a list of events that occurred:

- 8:00 a.m.- City-wide Damage Assessment/Windshield Survey Drill-Fire, Police, MOD, CDD, and Public Works field personnel practiced their damage assessment procedures that included city infrastructure and key locations. It was up to each department to determine how they would communicate (radio or phone) and if they wanted to activate their respective Department Operations Centers (DOC) for this drill. It was suggested that refreshment training be held prior to this drill.
- 8:30 a.m.- City-wide Evacuation Drill. All City facilities were encouraged to participate in the evacuation of their staff and customers. The main library and branches were closed during the drill so they were not impacted. City Emergency Response Team (ERT) Captains met in September and that group was responsible for notifying their staff of the drill and evacuation locations.
- 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. -the annual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Exercise was held. This exercise was a tabletop exercise which was different from EOC drills in years past, as the exercise was scenario and discussion based. We did not activate the six Department Operations Centers (DOCs), the hotline in the PD briefing room, or conduct any field activities. The scenario was an active shooter incident and the primary focus was on the Management and Operations Sections of the EOC. The drill also included a few representatives from the Irvine Company to participate as the scenario pertained to them. The main goals of the exercise were to: evaluate the City’s ability to activate the EOC and provide an opportunity for participants to practice working in their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) positions; practice coordination between positions and sections; practice coordination between outside agencies and the EOC; and practice coordination between the EOC and the Orange County/Operational Area EOC.



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: October 19, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

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### HR VALUES CONTINUED EDUCATION



Congratulations to HR Supervisor Sheri Anderson!!! Sheri came to Newport Beach from the City of Anaheim over 13 years ago. She serves the City as the Workers' Compensation, General Liability and Insurance expert in the Human Resources Department, Risk Management Division. This past week, she completed her Academy III: The Negotiation Process Class through the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) and

earned the prestigious designation of Certified Labor Relations Professional (CLRP-CA). By continuing her education, she has expanded her knowledge, rounded out her career skills, and added even more value to her public service. We are proud of her accomplishments!



### HEALTHY HALLOWEEN

As Halloween approaches Human Resources would like to remind you of a few healthy tips to get your kids through a holiday filled with treats:

Feed kids a healthy meal before trick or treating to discourage snacking on too much candy while out.

Limit the number of houses your children will visit making the amount of treats collected more manageable.

Encourage kids to share. Not only does it thin out the candy supply, but also reinforces the importance of sharing.

Set limits of how much candy each child is allowed in a day. Require they eat something healthy, like an apple, before they get the piece of candy.

Be a role model by passing out healthier alternatives such as pretzels and small packages of trail mix or raisins, at your house this year!

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*Happy Halloween from the Human Resources Department!*





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Library – Cultural Arts



October 19, 2012

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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#### Volunteer Luncheon

Thank you volunteers! Without volunteers, the Newport Beach Public Library would never be able to provide the vast array of resources, special programs and services that makes it one of the best libraries in the state. NBPL has over 700 volunteers that support the library in a variety of ways – from serving as tutors in the Literacy program to working in the Friends of the Library Book Store. Most recently, volunteers have been helping us tag materials with RFID labels, an enormous task that would not be possible or economical without them.



Our volunteers come in all ages from teens to seniors and we are so grateful that they choose to share their talents, energy and time with us. We honored our volunteers on Thursday with a recognition event in the Friends Meeting Room and were very pleased to see so many volunteers representing our boards and commissions, Literacy Program, YAAC, Friends of the Library, Foundation, Homebound Program, tech services and circulation departments.

#### Architect Peter Bohlin to Speak at the Library

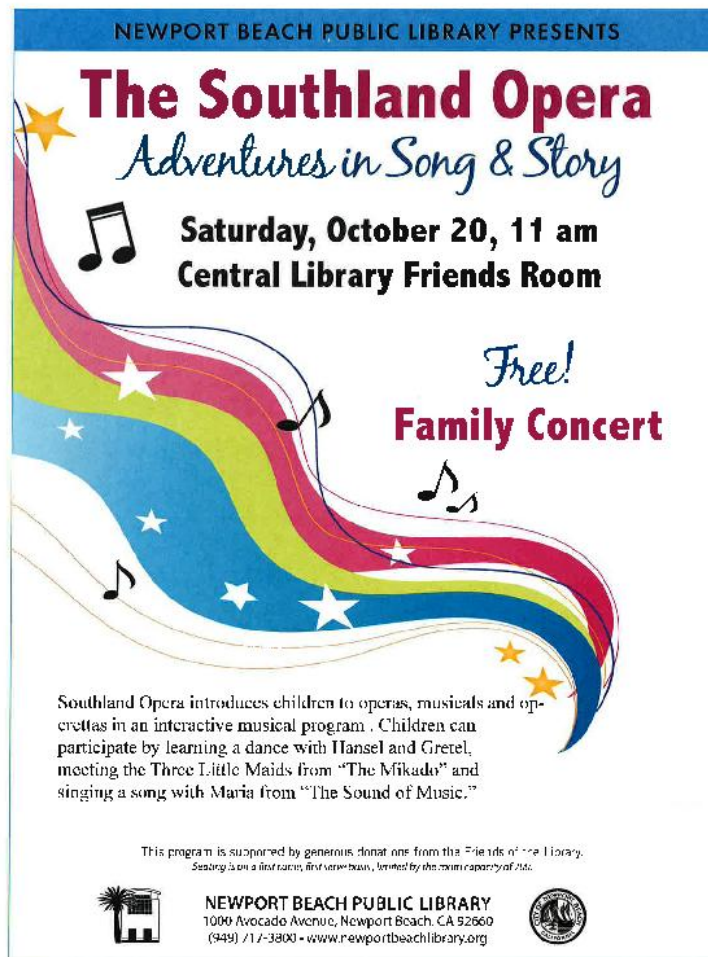
We are very excited to be hosting architect Peter Bohlin next Monday at 7p.m. when he presents a talk about the Newport Beach Civic Center. We are expecting a capacity crowd to hear him speak about his vision for the stunning state-of-the-art structure that he designed for the City of Newport Beach.



#### Spooky Events Coming Up

Children's Services is gearing up for the spookiest time of the year with four different events that are a fun and safe way for families to experience Halloween; Spooktacular Crafts at Corona del Mar on October 24, Spooky Craft Club and a free screening of Disney/Pixar's *Monsters, Inc.* at the Central Library on October 30 and Halloween Haunt at the Crean Mariners Branch on October 31.

## Cultural Arts Services



### **Family Concert this Weekend**

The Southland Opera will return to the Newport Beach Public Library for "Adventures in Song & Story" the Saturday from 11-12pm in the Friends Room.

Southland Opera introduces children to operas, musicals and operettas in an interactive musical program. Children can participate by learning a dance with Hansel and Gretel, meeting the Three Little Maids from "The Mikado" and singing a song with Maria from "The Sound of Music".

### **Upcoming Sunday Musicales:**

Kate Loughrey, Harpist, November 18  
Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, January 13  
Charged Particles, February 10  
Natur Early Music Ensemble, March 10

### **Arts Commission Meeting**

Last Thursday, October 11, the Newport Beach City Arts Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Several items were on their agenda, including the discussion of funding levels for the *Cultural Arts Grant Program* in 2012-2013. Including the City Arts Commission, applicants for funding cultural and arts programs for Newport Beach residents included:

Arts & Learning, Inc.

Baroque Music Festival of Corona del Mar

ExplorOcean/Newport Harbor Nautical Museum

Festival Ballet Theatre

Laguna Outreach for Community Arts, Inc.

Newport Beach Film Festival

Newport/Mesa YMCA

South Coast Repertory Theater

Southern California Children's Chorus

Southland Opera

UCI Foundation

The City Arts Commission reviewed and discussed the organizations and various programs that were offered and made recommendations for funding. Staff will prepare a report for City Council, to be reviewed on November 13 for approval. Following approval by City Council, grant awards will be presented at the November 27 City Council Meeting.



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

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October 19, 2012

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

**SUBJECT:** *City Manager's Newsletter*

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### **Irvine Avenue Median Beautification**

In an effort to enhance the Irvine Avenue median, City staff, with public input, coordinated the installation of African Tulip and Date Palm trees. Installation completion is scheduled for next week, with other enhancement activities to continue.



### **Back Bay Drive Construction Next Week**

On Monday, Kilbride Construction will start a project on Back Bay Drive to replace a collapsed storm drain pipe under the roadway about three-quarters of a mile southwest of Eastbluff Drive. The work will involve removal of the existing 24" corrugated metal pipe and installation of two 24" PVC pipes to handle the nuisance and storm water flow from The Bluffs community above. The flow into the existing pipe frequently exceeds capacity during rain storms causing water, mud, and rocks to run across the roadway.

To complete the work the roadway will need to be completely closed to vehicular traffic during working hours (7:30am to 4:30pm) between San Joaquin Hills Road and Eastbluff Drive. The work should be completed by next Friday, well in front of potential winter storms.

### **Utilities Yard – Evacuation Drill**

Last week, Water Production staff explained the hazards of Ammonia to MOD staff and also went over the newly implemented Ammonia Leak Evacuation Plan. The plan is designed to direct staff to proper staging areas within the Utilities Yard as well as at Big Canyon Reservoir. During the City wide evacuation drill, the Department is going to run an ammonia leak evacuation drill concurrent to the Earthquake drill.



## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 19, 2012

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**FROM:** Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER

### **Department Promotions**



Pictured from left to right; Deputy Chief David McGill, Lt. Damon Psaros, Sgt. Randy Querry, and Sr. CSO Amanda Diaz

On Monday, October 8, three members of the Police Department were recognized at a promotional ceremony. Police Department employees, various City dignitaries and employees, and friends and families of those being promoted attended the event.

Sergeant Damon Psaros was promoted to Police Lieutenant. Lieutenant Psaros is a 14-year veteran of the Police Department,

and he will be assigned as a Watch Commander in the Patrol Division.

Officer Randy Querry was promoted to Police Sergeant. Sergeant Querry is a 23-year veteran of the Police Department, and he will be assigned as a field supervisor in the Patrol Division.

Community Services Officer Amanda Diaz was promoted to Senior Community Services Officer (CSO). Senior CSO Diaz is a 10-year veteran of the Police Department, and she will be assigned in the Records Division.



### **Newport Beach Dispatchers Attend First Annual Radio Rodeo**

On Tuesday, October 9, Senior Dispatchers participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Radio Rodeo. The purpose of the event is to test radio equipment inside Command Post type vehicles and to provide a venue to view resources

available in Orange County. City law enforcement agencies participating in the Radio Rodeo included Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The training and networking was well received and provided education and training that will be beneficial in the event of a County wide emergency.

### **Notable Arrest**



At approximately 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, Police Officers were called to a residence on Almanzora in Newport Coast to check on the welfare of two residents. A neighbor became concerned when she learned that the neighbor's children had not been picked up from the bus stop earlier that afternoon. Officers responded to the home and discovered signs of a struggle and possible foul play. Due to significant concern for the welfare of the residents, Peter and Quee Chadwick, a search was immediately initiated.

The next morning, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Mr. Chadwick, contacted the San Diego Police Department requesting their assistance. Upon further investigation NBPD Detectives arrested Mr. Chadwick for suspicion of homicide. The investigation revealed that Mrs. Chadwick was the victim of a homicide; however, her body had not yet been located. Detectives searched the areas believed to have been traveled by Mr. Chadwick after he was presumed missing and prior to his contact with the San Diego Police Department.

On Monday, October 15, the Orange County District Attorney charged Mr. Chadwick with murdering his wife in their home in Newport Coast. He was arraigned at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana and entered a "not guilty" plea.

On Thursday, October 18, Detectives responded to the Lakeside area of San Diego County in regards to an investigative lead in the disappearance and homicide of Mrs. Chadwick. The body of a female was discovered in a dumpster; it has not yet been identified.

If convicted, Mr. Chadwick faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## City Manager's Newsletter

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To: David A. Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: October 19, 2012

### **LOWER BAY DREDGING UPDATE**

On Sunday October 6, the Lower Bay dredging contractor did what almost appeared impossible. They moved their largest dredge into the harbor's smallest channel on the backside of Linda Isle – quite a feat indeed! Our only goal at this point was to dredge 1,200 cubic yards of “unsuitable” material so it could be disposed at the Port of Long Beach by our contractual deadline of Friday, October 12. Fortunately, with such a large dredge, this operation only took two days, so they were able to mobilize and demobilize very quickly. The next step is to return in several weeks with a smaller dredge to finish up the remainder of the channel.

This marks a major milestone for dredging in Newport Harbor and closes our efforts to dispose of our “unsuitable” material at the Port of Long Beach. We're very grateful for the Port's assistance both with the Lower Bay dredging as well as the Rhine Channel dredging in 2011. In all, the City's contractor disposed of 200,000 cubic yards of material at the Port via countless barge trips up the coast. Millions of dollars were saved by disposing of the material at the Port rather than having to use alternate disposal methods.

We still have more dredging to complete, and we expect to continue through the end of the year removing our clean “ocean suitable” material.



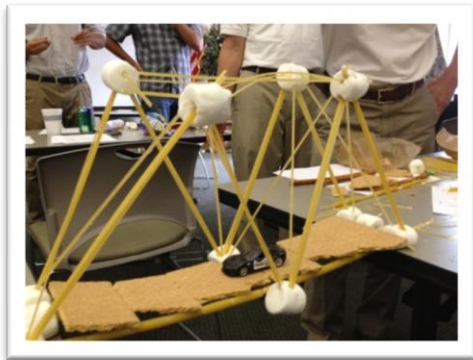
## **SAN MIGUEL DRIVE ROADWAY CLOSURE FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE WORK**

While construction of new Civic Center, Council Chambers, Central Library expansion, and the Park continues toward completion, the abutment and support work for the new pedestrian bridge that will span San Miguel Drive is almost ready to receive the steel bridge structure. CW Driver has been able to avoid impacting the San Miguel Drive pedestrian and vehicular traffic by keeping the work activities on-site thus far, but bridge construction activities will encroach into the public travel areas as we prepare for the arrival of the bridge deck pieces.

The San Miguel Drive curbside lane and the left-turn lanes adjacent to the median in each direction between Avocado Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard will be closed from November 5<sup>th</sup> through November 9<sup>th</sup> so that CW Driver can construct the temporary mid-span support structures to receive the bridge deck. Once the bridge pieces arrive on-site, the entire San Miguel Drive roadway will be closed weeknights between 10PM and 6AM from November 13, 2012 to February 8, 2013. The roadway, however, will be open over the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays from November 21-25 and from December 20, 2012 to January 14, 2013.

## **PUBLIC WORKS OFF-SITE MEETING – BUILDING FOUNDATION AND BRIDGES**

The Public Works Department recently held a team building and training meeting at the “Friends” Room of the Central Library. This meeting, which was themed the “Building Foundations and Bridges” workshop, was a half-day training and working session focused on how Public Works staff can more efficiently and effectively serve both our residents and customers, while also strengthening our relationships with other departments and agencies.



Building good relationships and working well together also includes our own internal Department interactions. As part of the workshop, Department staff were randomly broken into teams and given a small amount of time to make a bridge out of various food and candy items. The winning bridge is shown here.

Please feel free to provide us with suggestions on how we can build better bridges with you!



**To: Dave Kiff, City Manager**

**From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director**

**Date: October 19, 2012**



### **BIG WEEK AT BUCK GULLY**

The week of October 8<sup>th</sup> the final touches to the trail were completed by the Irvine Ranch Conservancy with the installation of the new gate at 5<sup>th</sup> and Poppy, 3 benches and cable railing on the culvert to increase safety. On October 16<sup>th</sup> Project Officer, Melinda Steinert with State Parks toured the project to give the final seal of approval for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant. She was impressed with our project and we will be expecting our final reimbursement payment from them soon!



### **PRESCHOOL 101 PROGRAM:**

The Preschool program this year is off to a great start! Not only have we seen growth in participation, but also in learning progression! During summer, staff met with the Newport Mesa School District and aligned the curriculum with the new Houghton Mifflin Pre-K learning functions used in Newport-Mesa Kindergarten. Participants are showing rapid acceleration in knowledge of letters and numbers and have received numerous compliments from parents and teachers!

October is always a fun month in the Preschool Programs as Halloween festivities bring princesses, skeletons, witches, and dinosaurs to the sites! Events to enjoy in the coming weeks include Halloween potlucks and parties where the little ones can dress up and parents bring in their favorite dishes.





### **FOCUS ON FITNESS!**

The Recreation Department is gearing up for winter classes which are scheduled to begin in January. The *Newport Navigator* is getting the finishing touches on a design to highlight a variety of fun and unique fitness classes. There is no better way to start off the year than focusing on being healthy and fit! Classes vary in intensity and range from dance fitness, piloxing, and instructor led personal fitness coaching. Look for your *Newport Navigator* in late November!

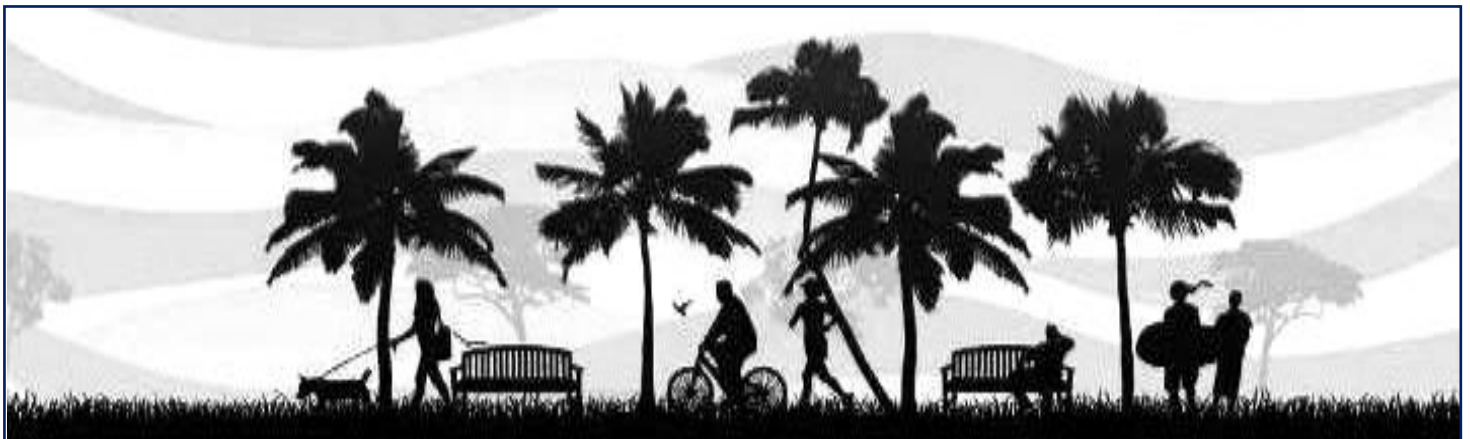


### **EVENTS AT OASIS**

**Oktoberfest** - On Wednesday, October 24, participants will enjoy bratwurst on pretzel rolls with all the fixings, authentic German potato salad, miniature desserts, and beer while enjoying music by the Main Street Oompah Band.

**Halloween** - This year Halloween falls on a weekday, and the OASIS seniors are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween best to receive a special treat (or trick).

**Bone Density Screening** - Greater Newport Physicians Medical Group is providing free bone density screening on Wednesday, November 7 at OASIS. This is an excellent way for people to get a baseline if they have never had a bone density screening.



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